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1. SINCE RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT FUEL REQUEST, SHAIKH MUHAMMAD HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING THIS REQUEST AND IS TRYING TO SPIN OUT NEGOTIATIONS. NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY IN ABEYANCE. WHILE THE FRG HAS ASKED THAT NO FUEL BE GIVEN AND THAT THE DE-

PARTURE OF THE AIRCRAFT BE BLOCKED, SHAIKH MUHAMMAD HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY ABOUT STRATEGY. WE HAVE REITERATED OUR EARLIER STATEMENT THAT STRATEGY SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE UAEG. WE HAVE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT IF DUBAI WERE TO TAKE THE EASY OUT AND PROVIDE THE FUEL REQUESTED BY THE HIGHJACKERS, THIS WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE FURTHER HIGHJACKING. ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH DISCUSSED IS TO OFFER 900 KILOS FUEL, WHICH WOULD BE ENOUGH TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT AUXILIARY POWER UNIT FOR SEVERAL HOURS, BUT NOT ENOUGH FOR TAKE-OFF, AND THAT THIS FUEL BE OFFERED IN EXCHANGE FOR HOSTAGES.

2. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE PROVIDED STATE 246107 AND THOMPSON-WRAMP-ELMEIER TELECON. THIS HAS BEEN PASSED OIC DUBAI WHO WILL CONVEY AS APPROPRIATE TO SHAIKH MUHAMMAD.

3. ASSUMING NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN NEXT QUARTER HOUR, WE INTEND AUTHORIZE OIC DUBAI RETURN TO HIS HOME FOR NIGHT.

4. OIC DUBAI CONFIRMS THAT SO FAR ONLY DEMANDS MADE BY HIGH-JACKERS DIRECTLY TO DUBAI TOWER HAVE BEEN FOR RELEASE OF NINE PRISONERS IN GERMANY AND TWO IN TURKEY. NO RPT NO MENTION OF MONETARY RANSOM YET MADE.

5. REGARDING POSSIBLE RELEASE OF AMCIT PASSENGER MRS. SANTIAGO AND HER SON, THE HIGHJACKERS CHECKED AND DISCOVERED THAT SHE HAS A TAX TWO-DAY SUPPLY OF HER MEDICINE WITH HER. DESPITE EFFORTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY SHAIKH MUHAMMAD TO URGE COMPASSION AS THE KORAN REQUIRES, THE HIGHACKERS REFUSED TO RELEASE MRS. SANTIAGO OR THE OTHER ILL PASSENGERS AT THIS TIME.

6. ABU DHABI TELEVISION LATE NEWS REPORTS LOCAL PLO OFFICE HAS DENOUNCED HIGHJACKING AND DENIES IT OR ANY OF ITS SUBDIVISIONS ARE RESPONSIBLE..

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED BY THOMPSON ABOUT POINT AT WHICH MINDEF INTENDS TO RELINQUISH CONTROL, OIC HAS LEARNED THAT SHAIKH MUHAMMAD HAS INDICATED THE FRG MINISTER SHOULD BE BRIEFED ON HIS

ARRIVAL IN DUBAI AND THEN RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT. WHILE CLEARLY CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GERMANS ARE EXPECTED, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT MUHAMMAD WILL NOT RPT NOT HAND OVER CONTROL TO FRG. DICKMAN

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